

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A powder body metering apparatus comprises a metering container including:

a first hollow cylinder including an inlet in an upper end thereof; and

a separate second hollow cylinder arranged so as to be freely adjustable in position with respect to the first hollow cylinder; and

a switch valve for opening and closing the inlet of the metering container,

wherein said first hollow cylinder and said second hollow cylinder are slidably inserted one inside the other,

wherein an internal capacity of said metering container is variable by adjusting the position of translating or linearly shifting the second hollow cylinder with respect to the first hollow cylinder,

wherein a first opening is provided in a lower portion of the metering container and a separate second opening is provided in a desired portion, and

wherein said first opening and said second opening are each spaced from said inlet, said first opening communicating with said second opening through said metering container.

2. (original) A powder body metering apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a powder body discharge port is formed in the lower portion of the metering container, and the powder body discharge port is freely opened and closed by a closing member.